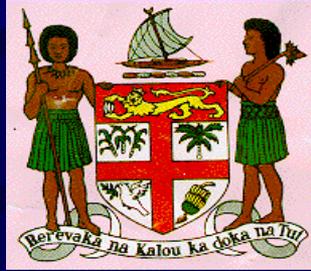


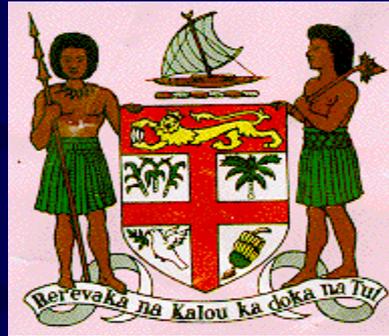
Introduction

The paper seeks to present and discuss the issues, constraints and improvements related to Procurement Processes of Goods and Services in my country



Our Organization

- The organization we work in is Government Supplies Department which is under the Ministry of Finance and National Planning in the Republic of Fiji Islands.
- There are fifteen stores around the country, the major warehouse and headquarters is in Suva, the capital city of Fiji on the main island called Viti Levu.



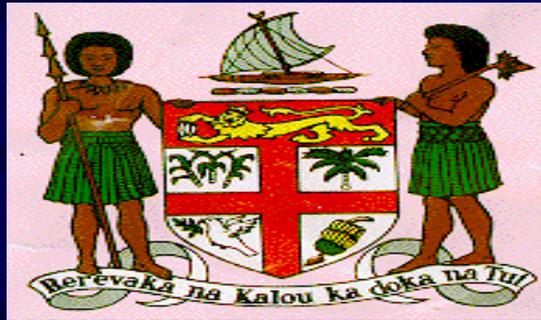
HISTORY

- The Government Supplies Department in Fiji was established thirty five [35] years ago.
- The Department initially operated warehouses to acquire common range of goods by bulk buying and distribution in smaller quantities to the Government agencies.
- Ten years ago the services were extended to schools and members of Public.



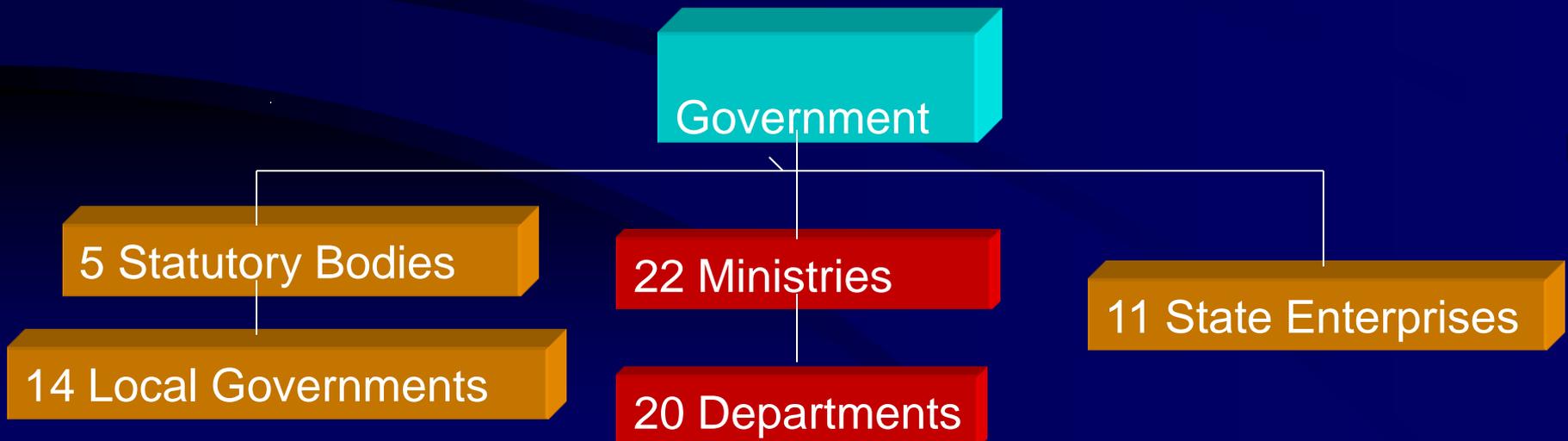
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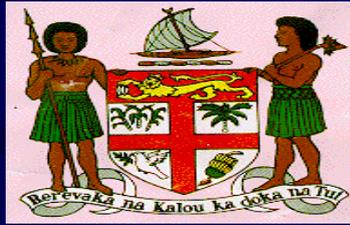




Overview of Government Procurement

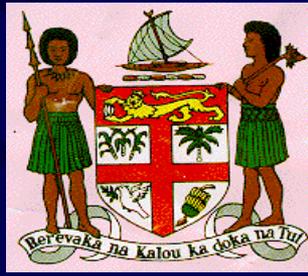
Public Administrative structure in Fiji has been decentralized as follows:-





Overview of GP (con't)

- All Procurement Procedures and Processes are formulated by the Ministry of Finance.
- All government agencies have to comply with the regulations and requirements of the Finance Act [2005]

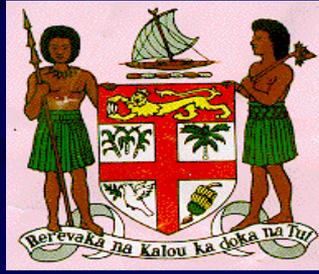


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Procurement Methods

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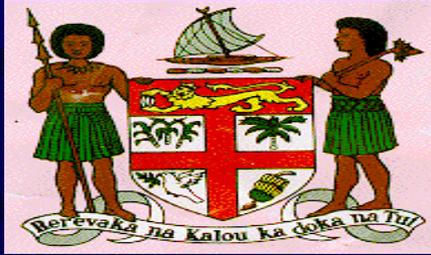
- Quotations / Tenders obtained.
- Evaluation by Evaluation Committees
- Recommendation made to appropriate authorities for approval.
- Successful bidders are notified and agreements formulated.



Overview of GP (con't)

Authorisation Limit

- Purchases below \$ 20,000 are approved by Chief Executive Officers [CEO]
- Between \$20,000 to \$50,000 by Agencies Tenders Board
- Above \$50,000 by the Major Tenders Board



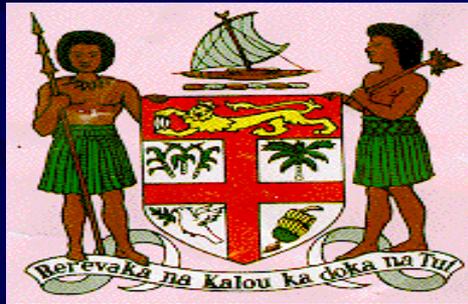
PROBLEMS

1. Lack of Resources

- financial resources
- experience and qualified staff
- technologies

2. Regulations

- current procedures are time consuming
- corruption
- collusion at evaluation stages



IMPROVEMENTS

- Following the Finance Management Reform 2005(FMR). Our Ministry of Finance is coming up with new improvements for a more efficient, effective and transparent procurement system.
- Staff are being locally trained on the new Reform
- Staff are being sent overseas to attend trainings.